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1. VICTOR H. UMBRICHT TELLS ME HE IS DEPARTING SWITZERLAND
FOR HANOI NEXT WEDNESDAY AS WALDHEIM'S PERSONL REP
TO DISCUSS UN RELATIONSHIPS AND POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO
VIET-NAM. UMBRICH EXPECTS TO BE ASKED BY HANOI AUTHORITIES
WHAT HE THINKS THE PROSPECTS ARE FOR A SHIFT IN US POSITION
ON VIET-NAM'S ADMISSION TO THE UN WHEN IT COMES UP AGAIN
IN NOVEMBER. UMBRICHT SAYS HE INTENDS TO SAY HE SEES NO
PROSPECT OF SHIFT IN US POSITION - REGARDLESS OF THE
OUTCOME OF OUR NATIONAL ELECTIONS - FAILING SOME MOVEMENT
ON THE VIETNAMESE SIDE ON THE MISSING IN ACTION (MIDA) PROBLEM.
HE EXPECTS TO POINT OUT IN THIS REGARD THAT MR CARTER HAS
SUPPORTED THE PRESIDENTS POSITION.

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2. UMBRICHT DOES NOT WANT TO BE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING

CONSULTED US AND PARTICULARLY DESIRES TO BE PROTECTED
FROM ANY REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATION LEAKING TO
WALDHEIM. INDICATING THAT HE HAS NOT "REQUESTED
ADVICE," HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE
TO ANY COMMENT I MIGHT PASS ON TO HIM AT MY INITIATIVE
BY NEXT TUESDAY, EITHER ON THE ACCURACY OF HIS ACCESS-
MENT OF THE US POSITION ON THE MIA PROBLEM OR ON
ANY OTHER QUESTION.
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